

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image reading apparatus comprising:

first reading means for reading a first surface of an original; and

second reading means for reading a second surface opposite to the first surface of the original;

said first reading means and said second reading means being provided on the first surface side and the second surface side, respectively, with the original as a boundary;

said second reading means including a light source and a reading member for reading image light from the original irradiated by said light source;

said reading member being provided separately from a vertical line passing through said light source.

2. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said reading member is horizontally separate from said vertical line.

3. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first reading means reads a lower surface of the original, and said second reading means reads an upper surface of the original.

4. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a cover for covering said second

reading means, and wherein a first cover portion located above said light source is provided above a second cover portion located above said reading member.

5           5. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said first cover portion has an opening portion.

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10           6. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second reading means is a unit which reads the original being conveyed and is openable and closable relative to a main body of the apparatus with an original conveying path as a boundary, and when said unit is opened, said reading member is located above a  
15           portion of said unit which forms the original conveying path.

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20           7. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said unit is pivotally movable about a fulcrum.

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25           8. An image reading apparatus comprising:  
a unit for reading an original being conveyed;  
said unit having a reading member for reading  
image light from the original, and being openable and closable relative to a main body of the apparatus with an original conveying path as a boundary,

wherein when said unit is opened, said reading member is located above a portion of said unit which forms the original conveying path.

5                    9. An image reading apparatus according to Claim  
102 8, wherein said unit is pivotally movable about a  
fulcrum.

10. An image reading apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said unit reads an upper surface of the original.